



Altova Expands Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Support in MapForce 2005

NEW ALTOVA SOFTWARE VERSION 2005 RELEASE 3 INCLUDES KEY FEATURE ENHANCEMENTS FOR MAPFORCE 2005 AND OTHER LEADING DEVELOPMENT TOOLS; PRODUCT LINE EXTENDED WITH UNIQUE SCHEMAAGENT APPLICATION

BEVERLY, Mass., March 9, 2005 – Altova® (www.altova.com), creator of XMLSpy®, MapForce®, and other leading software development and data integration tools, today announced general availability of Altova software version 2005 release 3 (v2005r3), which features several significant enhancements to MapForce 2005, including expanded support for Electronic Data Integration (EDI) standards. Most notably, MapForce 2005 now supports EDI output and the ANSI/ASC X12 standard. Additionally, MapForce 2005 and other products within the Altova product line have been updated to include support for the latest versions of the W3C XSLT 2.0, XPath 2.0, and XQuery 1.0 specification working drafts. The company also announced that the Altova SchemaAgent™ 2005 graphical schema management tool is now available to all customers as a standalone product and included within both the Enterprise and Professional Editions of the Altova XML Suite 2005.

“MapForce’s distinctive approach to data integration breaks down the barriers of data incompatibility and enables enterprise organizations to exchange information faster and easier than ever before,” said Alexander Falk, President, CEO, and Co-founder of Altova. “The entire Altova product family gives our customers true productivity gains, helping them to concentrate on the business logic of their projects rather than on tedious development tasks.”

New in Altova MapForce 2005

Altova MapForce 2005 provides an easy-to-use interface for mapping any combination of XML, database, flat files, and EDI data. It converts data on-the-fly and auto-generates data conversion code in XSLT 1.0/2.0, XQuery, Java, C++, and C# for use in custom data integration applications. The latest release of MapForce has been enhanced to include:

- **EDI Output** – Enables the use of EDI files in the ANSI/ASC X12 and UN/EDIFACT standards as output targets of complex data mappings. This capability expands MapForce’s previous support of EDI files as input sources.
- **ANSI X12 Standard Support** – Provides full support for all the transaction sets covered by X12, the de facto EDI standard used in North America for electronic business transactions. Files based on the X12 standard can be used as both mapping sources and targets.
- **Extended EDIFACT Coverage** – Supports EDIFACT configuration files for all years starting with 93a and ending with the most recent standard, 04b.
- **Unlimited Function Input Parameters** – Allows the use of unlimited parameters in several data processing functions, such as concatenate, add, and multiply, when using MapForce’s visual function builder. This feature makes it easier for developers to perform mathematical manipulations and concatenate multiple parameters.
- **Mixed Content Mapping Support** – Accommodates mapping of mixed XML elements, such as text and sub-elements.
- **Accommodation of Null Values** – Enables mappings of XML files and databases to use default values when sources have absent or null values, but targets must receive content.

“As a data integration specialist, I frequently advise customers on how to tie together systems that would not normally be able to share information,” said IT consultant, Michael J. Hillman. “Altova MapForce is a solid data mapping tool that makes integrating disparate systems very easy. The new support for EDI X12 transactions, combined with MapForce’s ability to generate transformation code in a variety of languages, will enable me to rapidly develop integration solutions for warehouse management, manufacturing execution, and enterprise resource planning systems where the EDI X12 specification is a common messaging format.”

General Availability of Altova SchemaAgent 2005

Altova SchemaAgent 2005 is a client/server-based, visual tool for modeling and managing complex schemas and their components in workgroups. Originally introduced as a feature within Altova XMLSpy, SchemaAgent 2005 is now available to all customers as a standalone product and is also included within both the Enterprise and Professional Editions of the Altova XML Suite 2005. Now when customers purchase the Altova XML Suite they get the four leading XML development tools – XMLSpy 2005, MapForce 2005, StyleVision® 2005, plus SchemaAgent 2005 – for the price of only two.*

SchemaAgent 2005 connects to a standard schema repository or to any schema collection on a file server, and makes all of the existing content models in a workgroup readily available for use in development projects. Developers can visualize and manage schema relationships, and construct complex schemas from smaller, simpler ones via SchemaAgent’s graphical user interface. Optionally, it can be accessed from within the XML Schema View of Altova XMLSpy 2005 Enterprise and Professional Editions.

Support for New XML Specifications

Continuing its commitment to advanced standards compliance, Altova has updated its family of software development and data integration products with support for the latest versions of the XSLT 2.0, XPath 2.0, and XQuery 1.0 working drafts released by the W3C on February 11, 2005. Now, XMLSpy 2005, MapForce 2005, StyleVision 2005, and Authentic® 2005 all provide relevant support for the most recent versions of these important specifications.

For additional information on what's new in Altova software version 2005 release 3, please visit:
<http://www.altova.com/whatsnew.html>.

Availability

The updated products within Altova software version 2005 release 3 – XMLSpy 2005, MapForce 2005, StyleVision 2005, Authentic 2005, and SchemaAgent 2005 – are all immediately available for purchase via the Altova Online Shop at: <https://shop.altova.com>. Customers with valid SMP are eligible for a free update to v2005r3 production software. A 30-day free trial may be downloaded from: <http://www.altova.com/download.html>.

Pricing

- Altova XMLSpy 2005 is available for purchase in two editions: Professional and Enterprise, with (USD) prices for a single-user license starting at \$499 and \$999 respectively.
- Altova MapForce 2005 is available in two editions: Professional and Enterprise, with (USD) prices for a single-user license starting at \$249 and \$599 respectively.
- Altova StyleVision 2005 is available in two editions: Professional and Enterprise, with (USD) prices for a single-user license starting at \$249 and \$599 respectively.
- Altova SchemaAgent 2005 is available with the (USD) price for a single-user license starting at \$379.
- Altova Authentic 2005 is available in two editions: Desktop and Browser, under a free software license.

- Altova XML Suites are available in two Editions: Professional and Enterprise, with (USD) prices for a single-user license starting at \$729 and \$1,499 respectively. By purchasing an XML Suite, customers get the four leading XML development tools – XMLSpy 2005, MapForce 2005, StyleVision 2005, and SchemaAgent 2005 – for the price of two.*
- Altova SMP can be purchased for 25% of the product price for a one-year period or 20% of the product price per year for a two-year period. Altova SMP provides free major software updates, maintenance releases, and priority technical support for the duration of the support period. SMP renewals are available beginning 90 days prior to expiration.

About Altova

Altova accelerates development and integration projects with software, services, and solutions that enhance productivity and maximize results. As an innovative, customer-focused company and the creator of XMLSpy, MapForce, and other leading software development and data integration tools, Altova is the choice of over 1.5 million clients worldwide and virtually every Fortune 500 company. With customers ranging from vast development teams in the world's largest organizations to progressive one-person shops, Altova's line of software applications and custom-tailored professional and educational services fulfills a broad spectrum of business needs. Altova is an active member of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and is committed to delivering standards-based platform-independent solutions that are powerful, affordable, and easy to use. Altova was founded in 1992 and has headquarters in Beverly, Massachusetts and Vienna, Austria. Visit Altova on the Web at www.altova.com.

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**Note to Editors: The Altova XML Suite four for two price comparison and price calculation are based on the requirement that if purchased individually, the two purchased products must include XMLSpy and either MapForce or StyleVision. The four for two price comparison and price calculation are edition specific and apply to the purchase of either professional edition or enterprise edition software and not a combination of individual enterprise or professional edition products.*

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